

REMARKS

The present application was filed on December 15, 2000 with claims 1-57. In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner required restriction of claims 1-57 of the above-referenced application to one of the following groups of claims: claims 1-15 (Group I); claims 16-21 and 52-54 (Group II); claims 22-30 and 55-57 (Group III); claims 31 and 32 (Group IV); claims 33-36 (Group V); claims 37 and 38 (Group VI); claims 39-42 (Group VII); claims 43-50 (Group VIII); and claim 51 (Group IX).

Applicant respectfully traverses the restriction requirement to the extent that Groups I through IX are indicated as requiring separate prosecution.

Since each of the independent claims are related to media file storage on servers and file transfer, Applicant asserts that there would be no undue burden in prosecuting claims 1-57 together.

Alternatively, Applicant asserts that Groups I, II, IV, VI, VIII and IX contain independent claims reciting similar limitations, and thus should not be restricted. More specifically, independent claims 1, 16, 31, 32, 37, 43 and 51 recite an application server that transfers multimedia data to a streaming server. Therefore, since the independent claims of Groups I, II, IV, VI, VIII and IX recite similar limitations, Applicant respectfully asserts that such claims are searchable in the same search effort.

In the event the outstanding restriction requirement is not withdrawn, Applicant hereby elects with traverse the claims of Group I, i.e., claims 1-15, for prosecution on the merits, and hereby cancels without prejudice claims 16-57. Alternatively, if the Examiner chooses to modify the claims of Group I to include the claims of Groups II, IV, VI, VIII and IX, Applicant hereby elects with traverse the claims of modified Group I.

Respectfully submitted,



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